IMPROVING THE CONSTANTS FOR THE REAL AND COMPLEX BOHNENBLUST-HILLE INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. A classical inequality due to Bohnen blust and Hille states that for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and every m-linear mapping $U: \ell_{\infty}^N \times \cdots \times \ell_{\infty}^N \to \mathbb{C}$ we have

$$\left(\sum_{i_{1},...,i_{m}=1}^{N}\left|U(e_{i_{1}},...,e_{i_{m}})\right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}}\right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} \leq C_{m} \|U\|,$$

where $C_m=2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ (in fact a recent remark of A. Defant and P. Sevilla-Peris indicates that $C_m \leq \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$). Bohnenblust-Hille inequality is also true for real Banach spaces with the constants $C_m=2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$. In this note we show that an adequate use of a recent new proof of Bohnenblust-Hille inequality, due to Defant, Popa and Schwarting, combined with the optimal constants of Khinchine's inequality (due to Haagerup) provides quite better estimates for the constants involved in both real and complex Bohnenblust-Hille inequalities. For instance, in the real case, for $2 \leq m \leq 14$, we show that the constants $C_m=2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ can be replaced by $2^{\frac{m^2+6m-8}{8m}}$ if m is even and by $2^{\frac{m^2+6m-7}{8m}}$ if m is odd, improving, in this way, the known values of C_m . In both complex and real cases, the new constants are asymptotically better.

1. Preliminaries and background

In 1931, Bohnenblust and Hille ([2], or the more recent [8, 9]) asserted that for every positive integer N and every m-linear mapping $U: \ell_{\infty}^{N} \times \cdots \times \ell_{\infty}^{N} \to \mathbb{C}$ we have

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,...,i_m=1}^{N} \left| U(e_{i_1},...,e_{i_m}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} \le C_m \|U\|,$$

where $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ (actually this result also holds for real Banach spaces). The case m=2 is a famous result known as Littlewood's 4/3-inequality. It seems that the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality was overlooked and was only re-discovered several decades later by Davie [6] and Kaijser [13]. While the exponent $\frac{2m}{m+1}$ is optimal, the constant $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ is not. Very recently, Defant and Sevilla-Peris [8, Section 4] indicated that by using Sawa's estimate for the constant of the complex Khinchine's inequality in Steinhaus variables (see [16]) it is possible to prove that $C_m \leq \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ in the complex case (this is a strong improvement on the previous constants and it seems that these are the best known estimates for the complex case).

The (complex and real) Bohnenblust-Hille inequality can be re-written in the context of multiple summing multilinear operators, as we will see next. Multiple summing multilinear mappings between Banach spaces is a recent, very important and useful nonlinear generalization of the concept of absolutely summing linear operators. This class was introduced, independently, by Matos [15] (under the terminology fully summing multilinear mappings) and Bombal, Pérez-García and Villanueva [3]. The interested reader can also refer to [5, 4] for other Bohnenblust-Hille type results

Throughout this paper X_1, \ldots, X_m and Y will stand for Banach spaces over $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} , and X' stands for the dual of X. By $\mathcal{L}(X_1, \ldots, X_m; Y)$ we denote the Banach space of all continuous

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m-linear mappings from $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_m$ to Y with the usual sup norm. For $x_1, ..., x_n$ in X, let

$$\|(x_j)_{j=1}^n\|_{w,1} := \sup\{\|(\varphi(x_j))_{j=1}^n\|_1 : \varphi \in X', \|\varphi\| \le 1\}.$$

If $1 \leq p < \infty$, an *m*-linear mapping $U \in \mathcal{L}(X_1, \ldots, X_m; Y)$ is multiple (p; 1)-summing (denoted $\Pi_{(p;1)}(X_1, \ldots, X_m; Y)$) if there exists a constant $L_m \geq 0$ such that

(1.1)
$$\left(\sum_{j_1, \dots, j_m = 1}^N \left\| U(x_{j_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{j_m}^{(m)}) \right\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le L_m \prod_{k=1}^m \left\| (x_j^{(k)})_{j=1}^N \right\|_{w, 1}$$

for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $x_{j_k}^{(k)} \in X_k$, $j_k = 1, \ldots, N$, $k = 1, \ldots, m$. The infimum of the constants satisfying (1.1) is denoted by $\|U\|_{\pi(p;1)}$. For m = 1 we have the classical concept of absolutely (p;1)-summing operators (see, e.g. [7, 10]).

A simple reformulation of Bohnenblust-Hille inequality asserts that every continuous m-linear form $T: X_1 \times \cdots \times X_m \to \mathbb{K}$ is multiple $(\frac{2m}{m+1}; 1)$ -summing with $L_m = C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ (or $L_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ for the complex case, using the estimates of Defant and Sevilla-Peris, [8]). However, in the real case the best constants known seem to be $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$.

The main goal of this paper is to obtain better constants for the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality in the real and complex case. For this task we will use a recent proof of a general vector-valued version of Bohnenblust-Hille inequality ([9, Theorem 5.1]). The Bohnenblust-Hille inequality is stated in [9, Corollary 2] as a consequence of [9, Theorem 5.1]. The procedure of the proof of [9, Corollary 2] allows us to obtain much better values than $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$. However, in this note we explore the ideas of [9] in a different way, in order to obtain even better estimates for the constants that can be derived from [9, Corollary 2]. The constants we obtain here can be derived from [9, Theorem 5.1] via an adequate choice of variables.

Let us recall some results that we will need in this note. The first result is a well-known inequality due to Khinchine (see [10]):

Theorem 1.1 (Khinchine's inequality). For all $0 , there exist constants <math>A_p$ and B_p such that

$$(1.2) A_p \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le \left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le B_p \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for every positive integer N and scalars $a_1, ..., a_n$ (here, r_n denotes the n-Rademacher function).

Above, it is clear that $B_2 = 1$. From (1.2) it follows that

(1.3)
$$\left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le B_p A_r^{-1} \left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

and the product of the constants $B_pA_r^{-1}$ will appear later on in Theorem 1.3. The notation A_p and B_p will be kept along the paper. Next, let us recall a variation of an inequality due to Blei (see [9, Lemma 3.1]).

Theorem 1.2 (Blei, Defant et al.). Let A and B be two finite non-void index sets, and $(a_{ij})_{(i,j)\in A\times B}$ a scalar matrix with positive entries, and denote its columns by $\alpha_j = (a_{ij})_{i\in A}$ and its rows by $\beta_i = (a_{ij})_{j\in B}$. Then, for $q, s_1, s_2 \geq 1$ with $q > \max(s_1, s_2)$ we have

$$\left(\sum_{(i,j)\in A\times B} a_{ij}^{w(s_1,s_2)}\right)^{\frac{1}{w(s_1,s_2)}} \leq \left(\sum_{i\in A} \|\beta_i\|_q^{s_1}\right)^{\frac{f(s_1,s_2)}{s_1}} \left(\sum_{j\in B} \|\alpha_j\|_q^{s_2}\right)^{\frac{f(s_2,s_1)}{s_2}},$$

with

$$w: [1,q)^2 \to [0,\infty), \ w(x,y) := \frac{q^2(x+y) - 2qxy}{q^2 - xy},$$

 $f: [1,q)^2 \to [0,\infty), \ f(x,y) := \frac{q^2x - qxy}{q^2(x+y) - 2qxy}.$

The following theorem is a particular case of [9, Lemma 2.2] for $Y = \mathbb{K}$ using that the cotype 2 constant of \mathbb{K} is 1, i.e., $C_2(\mathbb{K}) = 1$ (following the notation from [9]):

Theorem 1.3 (Defant et al). Let $1 \le r \le 2$, and let $(y_{i_1,\ldots,i_m})_{i_1,\ldots,i_m=1}^N$ be a matrix in \mathbb{K} . Then

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N |y_{i_1\dots i_m}|^2\right)^{1/2} \leq (A_{2,r})^m \left(\int_{[0,1]^m} \left|\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N r_{i_1}(t_1)\dots r_{i_m}(t_m)y_{i_1\dots i_m}\right|^r dt_1\dots dt_m\right)^{1/r},$$

where

$$A_{2,r} \le A_r^{-1} B_2 = A_r^{-1} \text{ (since } B_2 = 1\text{)}.$$

The meaning of $A_{2,r}$, w and f from the above theorems will also be kept in the next section and K_G will denote the complex Grothendieck constant.

2. Improved constants for the Bohnenblust-Hille theorem: The real case

The main results from [9], Theorem 5.1 and Corollary 5.2, are very interesting vector-valued generalizations of the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality. In this note we explore the proof of [9, Theorem 5.1] in such a way that the constants obtained are better than those that can be derived from [9, Corollary 5.2]. We will use here a modification of the proof of [9, Corollary 5.2] for the particular case of the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality applying some changes, partly inspired by [9, Theorem 5.1], improving the constants. By doing this, we will avoid some technicalities from the arguments from [9, Theorem 5.1] that are not needed here.

As we said, following the proof of [9, Corollary 5.2] and using the optimal values for the constants of Khinchine's inequality (due to Haagerup), the following estimates can be calculated for C_m :

$$(2.1) C_{\mathbb{R},2} = \sqrt{2},$$

(2.2)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-1}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{m}}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 3.$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 13$,

$$(2.3) C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{m^2 + m - 2}{4m}}.$$

Remark 2.1. It is worth mentioning that the above constants are not explicitly calculated in [9]. Since our procedure below will provide better constants, we will not give much detail on the above estimates.

A different approach on some of the ideas from [9] can give better estimates for the real case, as we see in the following result.

Theorem 2.2. For every positive integer m and real Banach spaces $X_1, ..., X_m$,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{R}) \ \ and \ \ \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \leq C_{\mathbb{R},m} \ \|.\|$$

with

$$C_{\mathbb{R},2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } C_{\mathbb{R},3} = 2^{\frac{5}{6}},$$

(2.4)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2} \right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \text{ for } m > 3.$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 14$,

(2.5)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{m^2+6m-8}{8m}} \text{ if } m \text{ is even, and}$$

(2.6)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{m^2 + 6m - 7}{8m}} \text{ if } m \text{ is odd.}$$

Proof. The case m=2 is Littlewood's 4/3-inequality. For m=3 we have $C_{\mathbb{R},3}=2^{\frac{5}{6}}$ from (2.3). We proceed by induction, but the case m is obtained as a combination of the cases 2 with m-2 instead of 1 and m-1 as in [9, Corollary 5.2].

Suppose that the result is true for m-2 and let us prove for m. Let $U \in \mathcal{L}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{R})$ and N be a positive integer. For each $1 \leq k \leq m$ consider $x_1^{(k)},...,x_N^{(k)} \in X_k$ so that $\left\| (x_j^{(k)})_{j=1}^N \right\|_{w,1} \leq 1$, k = 1,...,m.

Consider, in the notation of Theorem 1.2,

$$q = 2$$
, $s_1 = \frac{4}{3}$, and $s_2 = \frac{2(m-2)}{(m-2)+1} = \frac{2m-4}{m-1}$.

Thus,

$$w(s_1, s_2) = \frac{2m}{m+1}$$

and, from Theorem 1.2, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left(\sum_{i_{1},...,i_{m}=1}^{N} \left| U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{(m+1)/2m} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{2(m-2)}{(m-2)+1}} \right)^{f(s_{2},\frac{4}{3})/\frac{2(m-2)}{(m-2)+1}} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right\|_{2}^{N} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right\|_{2}^{N} \right)^{f(\frac{4}{3},s_{2})} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_{m},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right\|_{2}^{N} \right)^{$$

Now we need to estimate the two factors above. We will write $dt := dt_1...dt_{m-2}$. For each i_{m-1}, i_m fixed, we have (from Theorem 1.3),

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m-2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{\frac{4}{3}} \leq \\ & \leq \left(A_{2, \frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{4/3} \int\limits_{[0, 1]^{m-2}} \left| \sum\limits_{i_1, \dots, i_{m-2} = 1}^N r_{i_1}(t_1) \dots r_{i_{m-2}}(t_{m-2}) U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{4}{3}} dt \\ & = \left(A_{2, \frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{4/3} \int\limits_{[0, 1]^{m-2}} \left| U\left(\sum\limits_{i_1 = 1}^N r_{i_1}(t_1) x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, \sum\limits_{i_{m-2} = 1}^N r_{i_{m-2}}(t_{m-2}) x_{i_{m-2}}^{(m-2)}, x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-1)}, x_{i_m}^{(m)} \right) \right|^{\frac{4}{3}} dt. \end{split}$$

Summing over all $i_{m-1}, i_m = 1, ..., N$ we obtain

$$\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \leq$$

$$\left(A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{4/3} \int_{[0,1]^{m-2}} \sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left| U\left(\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{N} r_{i_{1}}(t_{1})x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...\sum_{i_{m-2}=1}^{N} r_{i_{m-2}}(t_{m-2})x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-2)},x_{i_{m}}^{(m-1)},x_{i_{m}}^{(m)} \right) \right|^{\frac{4}{3}} dt.$$

Using the case m=2 we thus have

$$\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \leq$$

$$\leq \left(A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \int_{[0,1]^{m-2}} \left\| U\left(\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{N} r_{i_{1}}(t_{1})x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},... \sum_{i_{m-2}=1}^{N} r_{i_{m-1}}(t_{m-2})x_{i_{m-2}}^{(m-2)},... \right) \right\|_{\pi(\frac{4}{3};1)}^{\frac{4}{3}} dt$$

$$\leq \left(A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \int_{[0,1]^{m-2}} \left(\|U\| \sqrt{2} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} dt$$

$$= \left(A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \left(\|U\| \sqrt{2} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} .$$

Hence

$$\left(\sum_{i_{m-1},i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \leq A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \left\| U \right\| \sqrt{2}.$$

Next we obtain the other estimate. For each $i_1, ..., i_{m-2}$ fixed, and $dt := dt_{m-1}dt_m$, we have (from Theorem 1.3):

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, ..., x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{m-1}, i_m = 1}^N \right\|_2 \le \\ & \le A_{2, s_2}^2 \left(\int\limits_{[0, 1]^2} \left| \sum_{i_{m-1}, i_m = 1}^N r_{i_{m-1}}(t_{m-1}) r_{i_m}(t_m) U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, ..., x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{s_2} dt \right)^{1/s_2} \\ & = A_{2, s_2}^2 \left(\int\limits_{[0, 1]^2} \left| U\left(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, ..., x_{i_{m-2}}^{(m-2)}, \sum_{i_{m-1} = 1}^N r_{i_{m-1}}(t_{m-1}) x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-1)}, \sum_{i_m = 1}^N r_{i_m}(t_m) x_{i_m}^{(m)} \right) \right|^{s_2} dt \right)^{1/s_2}. \end{split}$$

Summing over all $i_1, ..., i_{m-2} = 1, ..., N$ we get:

$$\begin{split} & \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{m-2}=1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_m=1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \leq \\ & \leq A_{2, s_2}^{2s_2} \int \sum_{[0, 1]^2}^N \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{m-2}=1}^N \left| U\left(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_{m-2}}^{(m-2)}, \sum_{i_{m-1}=1}^N r_{i_{m-1}}(t_{m-1}) x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-1)}, \sum_{i_m=1}^N r_{i_m}(t_m) x_{i_m}^{(m)} \right) \right|^{s_2} dt. \end{split}$$

We thus have, by the induction step.

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i_{1},...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N}\left\|\left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)})\right)_{i_{m}=1}^{N}\right\|_{2}^{s_{2}} \leq \\ &\leq \left(A_{2,s_{2}}^{2}\right)^{s_{2}} \leq \int\limits_{[0,1]}\left\|U\left(.,...,\sum_{i_{m}-1=1}^{N}r_{i_{m-1}}(t_{m-1})x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-1)},\sum_{i_{m}=1}^{N}r_{i_{m}}(t_{m})x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}\right)\right\|_{\pi(s_{2};1)}^{s_{2}} dt \\ &\leq \left(A_{2,s_{2}}^{2}\right)^{s_{2}}\int\limits_{[0,1]}C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}^{s_{2}}\left\|U\right\|^{s_{2}} dt = \left(A_{2,s_{2}}^{2}\right)^{s_{2}}C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}^{s_{2}}\left\|U\right\|^{s_{2}} \end{split}$$

and so

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,...,i_{m-2}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)},...,x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_m=1}^{N} \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{1/s_2} \leq \left(A_{2,s_2}^2\right) C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \left\| U \right\|.$$

Hence, combining both estimates, we obtain

$$\left(\sum_{i_{1},...,i_{m}=1}^{N}\left|U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},...,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)})\right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}}\right)^{(m+1)/2m}\leq\left[A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2}\sqrt{2}\left\|U\right\|\right]^{f\left(\frac{4}{3},s_{2}\right)}\left[\left(A_{2,s_{2}}^{2}\right)C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}\left\|U\right\|\right]^{f\left(s_{2},\frac{4}{3}\right)}.$$
 Also,

$$f(\frac{4}{3}, s_2) = \frac{4\frac{4}{3} - 2\frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{2m-4}{m-1}\right)}{4\left(\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2m-4}{m-1}\right) - 4\frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{2m-4}{m-1}\right)} = \frac{2}{m},$$
$$f(s_2, \frac{4}{3}) = \frac{4\left(\frac{2m-2}{m}\right) - 2\left(\frac{2m-2}{m}\right)}{4\left(1 + \frac{2m-2}{m}\right) - 4\left(\frac{2m-2}{m}\right)} = 1 - \frac{2}{m},$$

and, therefore

$$\begin{split} \left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N \left| U(x_{i_1}^{(1)},\dots,x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{(m+1)/2m} & \leq \left[A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \sqrt{2} \left\| U \right\| \right]^{\frac{2}{m}} \left[\left(A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2 \right) C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \left\| U \right\| \right]^{1-\frac{2}{m}} \\ & = \left[A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \sqrt{2} \right]^{\frac{2}{m}} \left(A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2 \right)^{1-\frac{2}{m}} C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}^{1-\frac{2}{m}} \left\| U \right\| \\ & = \left[A_{2,\frac{4}{3}}^{m-2} \sqrt{2} \right]^{\frac{2}{m}} \left(A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2 C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \right)^{1-\frac{2}{m}} \left\| U \right\| \\ & = 2^{\frac{1}{m}} \left(A_{2,\frac{4}{3}} A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}} \right)^{\frac{2m-4}{m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \left\| U \right\|. \end{split}$$

Now let us estimate the constants $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$. We know that $B_2=1$ and, from [11], we also know that $A_p=2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}}$ whenever $p\leq 1.847$. So, for $2\leq m\leq 14$ we have

$$A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2m-4}}.$$

Hence, from (1.3) and using the best constants of Khinchine's inequality from [11], we have

$$A_{2,\frac{4}{3}} \le A_{\frac{4}{3}}^{-1} = 2^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}},$$

$$A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}} \le A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^{-1} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2m-4} - \frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \leq 2^{\frac{1}{m}} \left(\left(2^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} \right) \left(2^{\frac{m-1}{2m-4} - \frac{1}{2}} \right) \right)^{\frac{2m-4}{m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \right)^{1 - \frac{2}{m}} = 2^{\frac{m+2}{2m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{R},m-2} \right)^{1 - \frac{2}{m}}$$

obtaining that, if $2 \le m \le 14$,

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \leq 2^{\frac{m^2+6m-8}{8m}} \text{ if } m \text{ is even,}$$

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \leq 2^{\frac{m^2+6m-7}{8m}} \text{ if } m \text{ is odd.}$$

In general we easily get

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m}}^2} \right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}.$$

The numerical values of $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$, for m > 14, can be easily calculated by using the exact values of $A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}$ (see [11]):

$$A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}+1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{(m-1)/(2m-4)}.$$

In the below table we compare the first constants $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ and the constants that can be derived from [9, Cor. 5.2] with the *new* constants $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$:

m	$C_{\mathbb{R},m}$ (using (2.5) and (2.6))	Constants from [9, Cor. 5.2])	$C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$
3	$2^{20/24} \approx 1.782$	$2^{5/6} \approx 1.782$	$2^{2/2} = 2$
4	$2^{32/32} = 2$	$2^{\frac{18}{16}} \approx 2.18$	$2^{3/2} \approx 2.828$
5	$2^{\frac{48}{40}} \approx 2.298$	$2^{\frac{36}{20}} \approx 2.639$	$2^2 = 4$
6	$2\frac{64}{48} \approx 2.520$	$2^{\frac{40}{24}} \approx 3.17$	$2^{5/2}\approx 5.656$
7	$2\frac{84}{56} \approx 2.828$	$2^{\frac{54}{28}} \approx 3.807$	$2^{6/2} = 8$
8	$2^{\frac{104}{64}} \approx 3.084$	$2^{\frac{70}{32}} pprox 4.555$	$2^{7/2} \approx 11.313$
9	$2^{\frac{128}{72}} \approx 3.429$	$2\frac{88}{36} \approx 5.443$	$2^{8/2} = 16$
10	$2^{\frac{152}{80}} \approx 3.732$	$2^{\frac{108}{40}} \approx 6.498$	$2^{9/2} \approx 22.627$
11	$2^{\frac{180}{88}} \approx 4.128$	$2^{\frac{130}{44}} \approx 7.752$	$2^{10/2} = 32$
12	$2^{\frac{208}{96}} \approx 4.490$	$2^{\frac{154}{48}} \approx 9.243$	$2^{11/2} \approx 45.254$
13	$2^{\frac{240}{104}} \approx 4.951$	$2^{\frac{180}{52}} \approx 11.016$	$2^{12/2} = 64$
14	$2^{\frac{272}{112}} \approx 5.383$	$2^{\frac{13}{28}} \left(\frac{2^{\frac{180}{52}}}{A_{\frac{26}{14}}} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{14}} \approx 13.126$	$2^{13/2} \approx 90.509$

In the column at the center of the previous table we have used equations (2.7) and (2.2) for $3 \le m \le 13$. In the last line of this same column (m = 14) we have used equation (2.2) together

with the fact that that
$$A_{\frac{26}{14}} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{26}{14} + 1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{14/26} \approx 0.9736.$$

Remark 2.3. In this section we have actually shown that the new constants obtained present a better asymptotic behavior than the previous ones (including those derived from [9, Cor. 5.2]). Indeed, we have previously seen that

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2} \right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}.$$

As $m \to \infty$ we know that $A_{2,\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}$ increases to 1. So,

$$\limsup \frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m}}{\left(C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}} \le 2^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For the original constants $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ we have

$$\frac{C_m}{(C_{m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}}} = 2^{\frac{2m-3}{m}}$$

and thus

$$\lim \frac{C_m}{\left(C_{m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}} = 4.$$

Also, for the constants from [9, Cor. 5.2], a similar calculation shows us that $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is replaced by 2 in (2.3). To summarize, these new constants, although smaller than the "old ones", have the best asymptotic behavior.

3. Improved constants for the Bohnenblust-Hille theorem: The complex case

As in the real case, following the proof of [9, Corollary 5.2] and using the optimal values for the constants of Khinchine's inequality (due to Haagerup) and using that $K_G = C_{\mathbb{C},2}$ (see [1]), the following estimates can be calculated for C_m :

$$C_{\mathbb{C},2} = K_G \le 1.4049 < \sqrt{2},$$

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{C},m-1}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{2m}}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 3,$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 13$,

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le 2^{\frac{m^2+m-6}{4m}} K_G^{2/m}$$

The above estimates are much better than $C_{\mathbb{C},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ but worst than the constants $C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ obtained by Defant and Sevilla-Peris [8]. However, our approach will provide even better constants.

The following lemma is essentially the main result from the previous section which comes from [9], although now we will obtain different constants, since we will be dealing with the complex case.

Lemma 3.1. For every positive integer m and complex Banach spaces X_1, \ldots, X_m ,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{C}) \ \ and \ \ \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \leq C_{\mathbb{C},m} \ \|.\|$$

with

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1} \text{ for } m = 2, 3,$$

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le \frac{2^{\frac{m+2}{2m}}}{\pi^{1/m}} \left(\frac{1}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} (C_{\mathbb{C},m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 4.$$

In particular, if $4 \le m \le 14$ we have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \leq \left(\frac{1}{\pi^{1/m}}\right) 2^{\frac{m+4}{2m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}.$$

The proof of this result is essentially in the same spirit as that of Theorem 2.2. The cases of $C_{\mathbb{C},2}$ and $C_{\mathbb{C},3}$ are already known and the proof is (also) done by induction, using the cases m-2 and 2 in order to achieve the case m. By proceeding in this way one obtains, at the end, that

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le \frac{2^{\frac{m+2}{2m}}}{\pi^{1/m}} \left(\frac{1}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} (C_{\mathbb{C},m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}},$$

and for $2 \le m \le 14$ we have

$$A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2m-4}} = 2^{\frac{-1}{2m-4}},$$

which leads to

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le \frac{2^{\frac{m+2}{2m}}}{\pi^{1/m}} \left(2^{\frac{1}{m-2}}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} = \left(\frac{1}{\pi^{1/m}}\right) 2^{\frac{m+4}{2m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}$$

for $4 \le m \le 14$.

3.1. Comparing the "first" constants. The first constants $D_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ from [8] are better than the constants that we have obtained in the previous lemma. However

$$\lim \frac{D_m}{(D_{m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}}} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^4 \approx 1.621 > \sqrt{2} = \lim \sup \frac{C_{\mathbb{C},m}}{(C_{\mathbb{C},m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}}}.$$

So, our constants are asymptotically better, and from a certain level m, they will be better than $D_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$. We will show that this happens when $m \geq 8$.

Below we compare the first constants:

For the case m = 4, notice that we have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},4} \le \frac{2}{\pi^{1/4}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi^{1/4}} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2^{3/2}}{\pi^{1/2}} \approx 1.5957$$

but this constant is worst than $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3 \approx 1.437$. So, in order to improve the constants that follow, it would be better to consider $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3$ instead of $\frac{2}{\pi^{1/4}} (C_{\mathbb{C},2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for the value of $C_{\mathbb{C},4}$.

Similarly, for the cases $5 \le m \le 7$ we also have that $C_{\mathbb{C},m}$ is slightly worst than $(2/\sqrt{\pi})^{m-1}$ but, for $m \ge 8$ our constants are better than the old ones.

For instance, for m = 8 the situation is different. We have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},8} \le \left(\frac{1}{\pi^{1/8}}\right) 2^{\frac{12}{16}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},6}\right)^{\frac{6}{8}} = \left(\frac{1}{\pi^{1/8}}\right) 2^{\frac{12}{16}} \left(\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{5}\right)^{\frac{6}{8}} = \frac{2^{36/8}}{\pi^2} \approx 2.293$$

and now this constant is better than $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^7 \approx 2.329$. Also, as we announced, for m > 8 our constants are better.

In the next section we state the previous lemma using the previous information

3.2. Comparing the "remaining" constants (m > 8). Now it is time to state the last lemma adding the better constants:

Theorem 3.2. For every positive integer m and every complex Banach spaces $X_1,...,X_m$,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,...,X_m;\mathbb{C}) \text{ and } \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \leq C_{\mathbb{C},m} \|.\|$$

with

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1} \text{ for } m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,$$

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le \frac{2^{\frac{m+2}{2m}}}{\pi^{1/m}} \left(\frac{1}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} (C_{\mathbb{C},m-2})^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 8.$$

In particular, for $8 \le m \le 14$ we have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le \left(\frac{1}{\pi^{1/m}}\right) 2^{\frac{m+4}{2m}} \left(C_{\mathbb{C},m-2}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}}.$$

Keeping in mind that for m > 14, the evaluation of the precise values of A_p need the use of Gamma function (see [11])

$$A_p = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{1/p},$$

we have that (assuming some slight rounding error, for high values of m, due to computer calculus):

m	New Constants	$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1} \text{ (from [8])}$	$C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$
8	≈ 2.293	≈ 2.329	≈ 11.313
9	≈ 2.552	≈ 2.628	16
10	≈ 2.814	≈ 2.965	≈ 22.627
11	≈ 3.059	≈ 3.346	32
12	≈ 3.417	≈ 3.775	≈ 45.425
13	≈ 3.711	≈ 4.260	64
14	≈ 4.125	≈ 4.807	≈ 90.509
15	≈ 4.479	≈ 5.425	128
16	≈ 4.963	≈ 6.121	≈ 181.019
50	≈ 100	≈ 372	$\approx 23,726,566$
100	$\approx 7,761$	$\approx 155,973$	$\approx 7.96131459 \cdot 10^{14}$

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NEW UPPER BOUNDS FOR THE CONSTANTS IN THE BOHNENBLUST-HILLE INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. A classical inequality due to Bohnenblust and Hille states that for every positive integer m there is a constant $C_m > 0$ so that

$$\left(\sum_{i_{1},\dots,i_{m}=1}^{N}\left|U(e_{i_{1}},\dots,e_{i_{m}})\right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}}\right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} \leq C_{m} \|U\|$$

for every positive integer N and every m-linear mapping $U: \ell_{\infty}^N \times \cdots \times \ell_{\infty}^N \to \mathbb{C}$, where $C_m = m^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$. The value of C_m was improved to $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ by S. Kaijser and more recently H. Quéffelec and A. Defant and P. Sevilla-Peris remarked that $C_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ also works. The

Bohnenblust-Hille inequality also holds for real Banach spaces with the constants $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$. In this note we show that a recent new proof of the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality (due to Defant, Popa and Schwarting) provides, in fact, quite better estimates for C_m for all values of $m \in \mathbb{N}$. In particular, we will also show that, for real scalars, if m is even with $2 \le m \le 24$, then

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}.$$

We will mainly work on a paper by Defant, Popa and Schwarting, giving some remarks about their work and explaining how to, numerically, improve the previously mentioned constants.

1. Preliminaries and background

In 1930, Littlewood proved that

$$\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} |U(e_i, e_j)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \le \sqrt{2} \|U\|$$

for every bilinear form $U:\ell_{\infty}^{N}\times\ell_{\infty}^{N}\to\mathbb{C}$ and every positive integer N. This is the well-known Littlewood's 4/3 inequality [16].

One year later, in 1931, Bohnenblust and Hille ([2]) improved this result to multilinear forms (see also [8, 9] for recent approaches). More precisely, the Bohnenblust–Hille inequality asserts that for every positive integer m there is a $C_m > 0$ so that

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^{N} |U(e_{i_1},\dots,e_{i_m})|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}}\right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} \le C_m \|U\|$$

for every m-linear mapping $U:\ell_\infty^N\times\cdots\times\ell_\infty^N\to\mathbb{C}$ and every positive integer N (for polynomial versions of Bohnenblust–Hille inequality we refer to [10]). The original upper estimate for C_m is $m^{\frac{m+1}{2m}}2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$, but several improvements have been obtained since then. For instance, as an illustration for the complex case we compare, below, and for some values of m, the original constants with the improvements obtained by S. Kaijser [14] and H. Quéffelec [18], Defant, P. Sevilla-Peris [8]:

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m	$C_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1} ([18, 8], 1995)$	$C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}([14], 1978)$	$C_m = m^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}} ([2],1931)$
3	≈ 1.273	2	≈ 4.160
4	≈ 1.437	≈ 2.828	≈ 6.726
5	≈ 1.621	4	≈ 10.506
6	≈ 1.829	≈ 5.657	≈ 16.088
7	≈ 2.064	8	≈ 24.322
8	≈ 2.330	≈ 11.314	≈ 36.442
9	≈ 2.628	16	≈ 54.232
10	≈ 2.965	≈ 22.627	≈ 80.283
15	≈ 5.425	128	≈ 542.574
50	≈ 372	$\approx 23,726,566$	$\approx 174, 465, 512$
100	$\approx 155,973$	$\approx 7.96131459 \cdot 10^{14}$	$\approx 8.14675743 \cdot 10^{15}$

The Bohnenblust–Hille inequality also holds for real Banach spaces but sharper estimates for C_m , in this case, seem to be $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$.

The aim of this paper is show that improved values for C_m are essentially contained in [9] for both real and complex cases.

The (complex and real) Bohnenblust–Hille inequality can be re-written in the context of multiple summing multilinear operators, as we will see next. Multiple summing multilinear mappings between Banach spaces is a recent, very important and useful nonlinear generalization of the concept of absolutely summing linear operators. This class was introduced, independently, by Matos [17] (under the terminology fully summing multilinear mappings) and Bombal, Pérez-García and Villanueva [3]. The interested reader can also refer to [4, 5] for other Bohnenblust–Hille type results.

Throughout this paper X_1, \ldots, X_m and Y will stand for Banach spaces over $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} , and X' stands for the dual of X. By $\mathcal{L}(X_1, \ldots, X_m; Y)$ we denote the Banach space of all continuous m-linear mappings from $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_m$ to Y with the usual sup norm. For x_1, \cdots, x_n in X, let

$$\|(x_j)_{j=1}^n\|_{w,1} := \sup\{\|(\varphi(x_j))_{j=1}^n\|_1 : \varphi \in X', \|\varphi\| \le 1\}.$$

If $1 \leq p < \infty$, an *m*-linear mapping $U \in \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y)$ is multiple (p; 1)-summing (denoted $\Pi_{(p; 1)}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y)$) if there exists a constant $L_m \geq 0$ such that

(1.1)
$$\left(\sum_{j_1, \dots, j_m = 1}^N \left\| U(x_{j_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{j_m}^{(m)}) \right\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le L_m \prod_{k=1}^m \left\| (x_j^{(k)})_{j=1}^N \right\|_{w, 1}$$

for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $x_{j_k}^{(k)} \in X_k$, $j_k = 1, \ldots, N$, $k = 1, \ldots, m$. The infimum of the constants satisfying (1.1) is denoted by $||U||_{\pi(p;1)}$. For m = 1 we have the classical concept of absolutely (p;1)-summing operators (see, e.g. [7, 11]).

A simple reformulation of the Bohnenblust-Hille inequality asserts that every continuous m-linear form $T: X_1 \times \cdots \times X_m \to \mathbb{K}$ is multiple $(\frac{2m}{m+1}; 1)$ -summing with $L_m = C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ (or $L_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ for the complex case, using the estimates of Defant and Sevilla-Peris, [8]), although in the real case the best known constants seem to be $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$.

The main goal of this paper is to calculate *better* constants for the Bohnenblust–Hille inequality in the real and complex case (which are derived from [9]). For this task we will explore the proof of a general vector-valued version of Bohnenblust–Hille inequality ([9, Theorem 5.1]).

Let us recall some results that we will need in this note. The first one is a well-known inequality due to Khinchine (see [11]):

Theorem 1.1 (Khinchine's inequality). For all $0 , there exist constants <math>A_p$ and B_p such that

$$(1.2) A_p \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le \left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le B_p \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for every positive integer N and scalars a_1, \ldots, a_n (here, r_n denotes the n-th Rademacher function).

Above, it is clear that $B_2 = 1$. From (1.2) it follows that

(1.3)
$$\left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le B_p A_r^{-1} \left(\int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r_n(t) \right|^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

and the product of the constants $B_p A_r^{-1}$ will appear later on in Theorem 1.3. The notation A_p and B_p will be kept along the paper. Next, let us recall a variation of an inequality due to Blei (see [9, Lemma 3.1]).

Theorem 1.2 (Blei, Defant et al.). Let A and B be two finite non-void index sets, and $(a_{ij})_{(i,j)\in A\times B}$ a scalar matrix with positive entries, and denote its columns by $\alpha_j = (a_{ij})_{i\in A}$ and its rows by $\beta_i = (a_{ij})_{j\in B}$. Then, for $q, s_1, s_2 \geq 1$ with $q > \max(s_1, s_2)$ we have

$$\left(\sum_{(i,j)\in A\times B} a_{ij}^{w(s_1,s_2)}\right)^{\frac{1}{w(s_1,s_2)}} \le \left(\sum_{i\in A} \|\beta_i\|_q^{s_1}\right)^{\frac{f(s_1,s_2)}{s_1}} \left(\sum_{j\in B} \|\alpha_j\|_q^{s_2}\right)^{\frac{f(s_2,s_1)}{s_2}},$$

with

$$w: [1,q)^2 \to [0,\infty), \ w(x,y) := \frac{q^2(x+y) - 2qxy}{q^2 - xy},$$

 $f: [1,q)^2 \to [0,\infty), \ f(x,y) := \frac{q^2x - qxy}{q^2(x+y) - 2qxy}.$

The following theorem is a particular case of [9, Lemma 2.2] for $Y = \mathbb{K}$ using that the cotype 2 constant of \mathbb{K} is 1, i.e., $C_2(\mathbb{K}) = 1$ (following the notation from [9]):

Theorem 1.3 (Defant et al). Let $1 \le r \le 2$, and let $(y_{i_1,...,i_m})_{i_1,...,i_m=1}^N$ be a matrix in \mathbb{K} . Then

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N |y_{i_1,\dots,i_m}|^2\right)^{1/2} \le (A_{2,r})^m \left(\int_{[0,1]^m} \left|\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N r_{i_1}(t_1)\dots r_{i_m}(t_m)y_{i_1\dots i_m}\right|^r dt_1\dots dt_m\right)^{1/r},$$

where

$$A_{2,r} \le A_r^{-1} B_2 = A_r^{-1}$$
 (since $B_2 = 1$).

The meaning of $A_{2,r}$, w and f from the above theorems will also be kept in the next section and K_G will denote the complex Grothendieck constant. Also, and throughout the paper, $C_{\mathbb{K},m}$ will denote our estimates on the constants for the real or complex case ($\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} respectively).

2. Improved constants for the Bohnenblust-Hille theorem: The real case

From the proof of [9, Corollary 5.2] and using the optimal values for the constants of Khinchine's inequality (due to Haagerup), the following estimates can be calculated for C_m :

$$(2.1) C_{\mathbb{R}.2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

(2.2)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-1}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{m}}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 3.$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 13$,

$$(2.3) C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{m^2 + m - 2}{4m}}.$$

If we change a little bit the induction process by obtaining the case m from the cases m-2 and 2 we obtain even smaller constants. For example,

(2.4)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m-2}}{A_{\frac{2m-4}{m-1}}^2} \right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \text{ for } m > 3.$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 14$ a careful calculation gives us

(2.5)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{m^2 + 6m - 8}{8m}}$$
 if m is even, and

(2.6)
$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{m^2 + 6m - 7}{8m}}$$
 if m is odd.

However, in the next theorem a different induction approach leads us to even smaller (and, thus, sharper) constants.

Remark 2.1. It is worth mentioning that the values for the above constants are not explicitly calculated in [9] but, of course, are derived from [9]. Since our procedure below will improve the constants, we will not give much detail on the above estimates.

The paper [9] provides, in fact, a family of constants C_m for Bohnenblust-Hille inequality. In this sense the following result is essentially contained in [9]. However, for the sake of completeness we prefer to sketch the proof from [9]. Our particular approach is chosen to obtain sharper constants:

Theorem 2.2. For every positive integer m and real Banach spaces X_1, \ldots, X_m ,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \le C_{\mathbb{R},m} \|.\|$$

with

$$C_{\mathbb{R},2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 and $C_{\mathbb{R},3} = 2^{\frac{5}{6}}$,

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = \frac{C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}}{A_{\frac{2m}{m+2}}^{m/2}}$$

for m even and

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m-1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{m+1}{2m-2}}^{\frac{m+1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m-2}{m+1},\frac{2m+2}{m+3})} \cdot \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m+1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{2m+2}}^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})}$$

for m odd. In particular,

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}$$

if m is even and $2 \le m \le 24$.

Proof. We start with the case m even. The cases m=2 (Littlewood's 4/3-inequality) and m=3 are known. We proceed by induction, obtaining the case m as a combination of the cases m/2 and m/2 (instead of 1 and m-1 as in [9, Corollary 5.2]).

Suppose that the result is true for m/2 and let us prove for m. Let $U \in \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m; \mathbb{R})$ and N be a positive integer. For each $1 \leq k \leq m$ consider $x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_N^{(k)} \in X_k$ so that $\left\| (x_j^{(k)})_{j=1}^N \right\|_{w,1} \leq 1$, k = 1, ..., m.

Consider, following the notation of Theorem 1.2,

$$q = 2$$
, $s_1 = s_2 = \frac{2 \cdot \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)}{\frac{m}{2} + 1} = \frac{2m}{m + 2}$.

Thus,

$$w(s_1, s_2) = \frac{2m}{m+1}$$

and, from Theorem 1.2, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left| U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{(m+1)/2m} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^{N} \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_1, s_2)/s_1} \\ & \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_1, s_2)/s_1} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_1} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_1)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right)^{f(s_2, s_2)/s_2} \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_m = 1}^N \right\|_2^{s_2} \right) \right)^{f(s_2, \dots, s_m}^{s_2} \\ & \cdot \left($$

Now we need to estimate the two factors above. We will write $dt := dt_1 \dots dt_{m/2}$. For each $i_{(m/2)+1}, \dots, i_m$ fixed, we have (from Theorem 1.3),

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \left(U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^{N} \right\|_2^{s_1} \leq \\ & \leq \left(A_{2, s_1}^{m/2} \right)^{s_1} \int\limits_{[0, 1]^{m/2}} \left| \sum\limits_{i_1, \dots, i_{m/2} = 1}^{N} r_{i_1}(t_1) \dots r_{i_{m/2}}(t_{m/2}) U(x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{s_1} dt \\ & = \left(A_{2, s_1}^{m/2} \right)^{s_1} \int\limits_{[0, 1]^{m/2}} \left| U\left(\sum\limits_{i_1 = 1}^{N} r_{i_1}(t_1) x_{i_1}^{(1)}, \dots, \sum\limits_{i_{m/2} = 1}^{N} r_{i_{m/2}}(t_{m/2}) x_{i_{m/2}}^{(m/2)}, x_{i_{(m/2) + 1}}^{(m/2) + 1} \dots, x_{i_{m-1}}^{(m-1)}, x_{i_m}^{(m)} \right) \right|^{s_1} dt. \end{split}$$

Summing over all $i_{(m/2)+1}, \ldots, i_m = 1, \ldots, N$ we obtain

$$\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1},\dots,i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},\dots,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},\dots,i_{m/2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{s_{1}} \leq \left(A_{2,s_{1}}^{m/2} \right)^{s_{1}} \int \sum_{i_{(m/2)+1},\dots,i_{m}=1}^{N} \left| U\left(\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{N} r_{i_{1}}(t_{1}) x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},\dots,\sum_{i_{m/2}=1}^{N} r_{i_{m/2}}(t_{m/2}) x_{i_{m/2}}^{(m/2)},\dots,x_{i_{m}}^{(m-1)},x_{i_{m}}^{(m)} \right) \right\|^{s_{1}} dt.$$

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1},...,i_{m}=1}^{N} \left\| \left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},\ldots,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)}) \right)_{i_{1},...,i_{m/2}=1}^{N} \right\|_{2}^{s_{1}} \leq \\ &\leq \left(A_{2,s_{1}}^{m/2} \right)^{s_{1}} \int\limits_{[0,1]^{m/2}} \left\| U\left(\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{N} r_{i_{1}}(t_{1}) x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},\ldots,\sum_{i_{m/2}=1}^{N} r_{i_{m/2}}(t_{m/2}) x_{i_{m/2}}^{(m/2)},\ldots \right) \right\|_{\pi(s_{1};1)}^{s_{1}} dt \\ &\leq \left(A_{2,s_{1}}^{m/2} \right)^{s_{1}} \left(\left\| U \right\| C_{\mathbb{R},m/2} \right)^{s_{1}}. \end{split}$$

Hence

$$\left(\sum_{i_{(m/2)+1},\ldots,i_{m}=1}^{N}\left\|\left(U(x_{i_{1}}^{(1)},\ldots,x_{i_{m}}^{(m)})\right)_{i_{1},\ldots,i_{m/2}=1}^{N}\right\|_{2}^{s_{1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{s_{1}}} \leq A_{2,s_{1}}^{m/2}\left\|U\right\|C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}.$$

The other estimate is exactly the same. Hence, combining both estimates, we obtain

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^N \left| U(x_{i_1}^{(1)},\dots,x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{(m+1)/2m} \leq \left[A_{2,s_1}^{m/2} \left\| U \right\| C_{\mathbb{R},m/2} \right]^{1/2} \left[A_{2,s_1}^{m/2} \left\| U \right\| C_{\mathbb{R},m/2} \right]^{1/2}.$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_m=1}^{N} \left| U(x_{i_1}^{(1)},\dots,x_{i_m}^{(m)}) \right|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{(m+1)/2m} \leq A_{2,s_1}^{m/2} \|U\| C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}$$

$$= A_{2,\frac{2m}{m+2}}^{m/2} \|U\| C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}.$$

Hence

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} = A_{2,\frac{2m}{m+2}}^{m/2} C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}.$$

Now let us estimate the constants $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$. We know that $B_2=1$ and, from [12], we also know that $A_p=2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}}$ whenever $p\leq 1.847$. So, for $2\leq m\leq 24$ we have

$$A_{\frac{2m}{m+2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m+2}{2m}} = 2^{\frac{-1}{m}}.$$

Hence, from (1.3) and using the best constants of Khinchine's inequality from [12], we have

$$A_{2,\frac{2m}{m+2}} \le A_{\frac{2m}{m+2}}^{-1} = 2^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

and

$$C_{\mathbb{R},m} \le \left(2^{\frac{1}{m}}\right)^{m/2} C_{\mathbb{R},m/2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{\mathbb{R},m/2}$$

for m even, $2 \le m \le 24$.

The numerical values of $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$, for m > 24, can be easily calculated by using the exact values of $A_{\frac{2m}{m+2}}$ (see [12]):

$$A_{\frac{2m}{m+2}} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2m}{m+2}+1 \atop 2\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{(m+2)/2m}.$$

For the case m odd we proceed by induction, but the case m is obtained as a combination of the cases $\frac{m-1}{2}$ with $\frac{m+1}{2}$ instead of 1 and m-1 as in [9, Corollary 5.2].

Consider, in the notation of Theorem 1.2,

$$q = 2$$
, $s_1 = \frac{2\left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right)}{\frac{m-1}{2}+1} = \frac{2m-2}{m+1}$ and $s_2 = \frac{2\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)}{\frac{m+1}{2}+1} = \frac{2m+2}{m+3}$.

Thus,

$$w(s_1, s_2) = \frac{2m}{m+1}$$

and a similar proof gives us

$$\begin{split} C_{\mathbb{R},m} &= \left(A_{2,\frac{2m-2}{m+1}}^{\frac{m+1}{2}} C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m-1}{2}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m-2}{m+1},\frac{2m+2}{m+3})} \cdot \left(A_{2,\frac{2m+2}{m+3}}^{\frac{m-1}{2}} C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m+1}{2}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m-1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{m-1}{2m+2}}^{\frac{m+1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m-2}{m+1},\frac{2m+2}{m+3})} \cdot \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m+1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{2m+2}}^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})} \cdot \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{R},\frac{m+1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{2m+2}}^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})} \end{split}$$

In the below table we compare the first constants $C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ and the constants that can be derived from [9, Cor. 5.2] with the *new* constants $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$:

m	New constants - $C_{\mathbb{R},m}$	C_m derived from ([9, Corollary 5.2], 2010)	$C_m = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ ([14], 1978)
3	≈ 1.782	$2^{5/6} \approx 1.782$	$2^{2/2} = 2$
4	2	$2^{\frac{18}{16}} \approx 2.18$	$2^{3/2} \approx 2.828$
5	≈ 2.298	$2^{\frac{28}{20}} \approx 2.639$	$2^2 = 4$
6	≈ 2.520	$2^{\frac{40}{24}} \approx 3.17$	$2^{5/2} \approx 5.656$
7	≈ 2.6918	$2^{\frac{54}{28}} \approx 3.807$	$2^{6/2} = 8$
8	≈ 2.8284	$2^{\frac{70}{32}} \approx 4.555$	$2^{7/2} \approx 11.313$
9	≈ 3.055	$2^{\frac{88}{36}} \approx 5.443$	$2^{8/2} = 16$
10	≈ 3.249	$2^{\frac{108}{40}} \approx 6.498$	$2^{9/2} \approx 22.627$
11	≈ 3.4174	$2^{\frac{130}{44}} \approx 7.752$	$2^{10/2} = 32$
12	≈ 3.563	$2^{\frac{154}{48}} \approx 9.243$	$2^{11/2} \approx 45.254$

3. Improved constants for the Bohnenblust-Hille theorem: The complex case

As in the real case, following the proof of [9, Corollary 5.2] and using the optimal values for the constants of Khinchine's inequality (due to Haagerup) and using that $K_G = C_{\mathbb{C},2}$ (see [1]), the following estimates can be calculated for C_m :

$$C_{\mathbb{C},2} = K_G \le 1.4049 < \sqrt{2},$$

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{C},m-1}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{m}}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{m}} \text{ for } m \ge 3,$$

In particular, if $2 \le m \le 13$,

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} \le 2^{\frac{m^2+m-6}{4m}} K_G^{2/m}$$

The above estimates improve the values $C_{\mathbb{C},m} = 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ but are worst than the constants $C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ obtained by Defant and Sevilla-Peris [8]. However, our approach will provide even better constants.

The following lemma is essentially the main result from the previous section which comes from [9], although now we will obtain different constants, since we will be dealing with the complex case.

Lemma 3.1. For every positive integer m and complex Banach spaces X_1, \ldots, X_m ,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{C}) \text{ and } \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \leq C_{\mathbb{C},m} \|.\|$$

with

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m}=\left(rac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}
ight)^{m-1}$$
 for $m=2,3,$
$$C_{\mathbb{C},m}=rac{C_{\mathbb{C},m/2}}{A_{\frac{2m}{2m}}^{m/2}}$$

for m even and

$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{\mathbb{C},\frac{m-1}{2}} \\ \frac{m+1}{2} \\ A_{\frac{2m-2}{m+1}} \end{pmatrix}^{f(\frac{2m-2}{m+1},\frac{2m+2}{m+3})} \begin{pmatrix} C_{\mathbb{C},\frac{m+1}{2}} \\ \frac{m-1}{2} \\ A_{\frac{2m+2}{m+3}} \end{pmatrix}^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})}$$

for m odd.

The proof of this result is essentially in the same spirit as that of Theorem 2.2. The cases of $C_{\mathbb{C},2}$ and $C_{\mathbb{C},3}$ are already known and the proof is (also) done by induction.

3.1. Comparing the "first" constants. The first constants $D_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ from [8] are better than the constants that we have obtained in the previous lemma. However our constants present a smaller asymptotical growth and, from a certain level m on, they are better than $D_m = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$. As we see next, this occurs when $m \geq 7$.

Here below we compare the first constants. For the case m=4, notice that we have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},4} = 2^{1/2} \cdot C_{\mathbb{C},2} = 2^{1/2} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right) \approx 1.5957$$

but this constant is worst than $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3 \approx 1.437$. So, in order to improve the constants that follow, it would be better to consider $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3$ instead of $2^{1/2} \cdot C_{\mathbb{C},2}$ for the value of $C_{\mathbb{C},4}$.

Similarly, for the cases $5 \leq m \leq 6$ we also have that $C_{\mathbb{C},m}$ is slightly worst than $(2/\sqrt{\pi})^{m-1}$ but, for m=7 we have

$$C_{\mathbb{C},7} = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^2}{\left(2^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{8}{12}}\right)^4}\right)^{3/7} \cdot \left(\frac{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3}{\left(2^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{10}{16}}\right)^3}\right)^{4/7} = 1.9293 < \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^6$$

and our constants are better than the old ones. Also, as we announced, for $m \geq 7$ our constants also improve the old ones.

In the next section we state the previous lemma using the information we just obtained.

3.2. Comparing the "remaining" constants (m > 7). Now it is time to state the last lemma adding the better constants:

Theorem 3.2. For every positive integer m and every complex Banach spaces X_1, \ldots, X_m ,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{L}(X_1,\ldots,X_m;\mathbb{C}) \text{ and } \|.\|_{\pi(\frac{2m}{m+1};1)} \le C_{\mathbb{C},m} \|.\|$$

with

•
$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$$
 for $m \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$,

•
$$C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \frac{C_{\mathbb{C},m/2}}{A_{m+2}^{m/2}}$$
 for $m > 6$ even, and

$$\bullet \ C_{\mathbb{C},m} = \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{C},\frac{m-1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{m+1}}^{\frac{m+1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m-2}{m+1},\frac{2m+2}{m+3})} \cdot \left(\frac{C_{\mathbb{C},\frac{m+1}{2}}}{A_{\frac{2m-2}{m+3}}^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}\right)^{f(\frac{2m+2}{m+3},\frac{2m-2}{m+1})} for \ m > 5 \ odd.$$

The following table compares these new constants with the previous ones:

m	New Constants - $C_{\mathbb{C},m}$	$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{m-1}$ ([18, 8], 1995)	$2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ ([14],1978)	$m^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ ([2],1931)
8	≈ 2.031	≈ 2.329	≈ 11.313	≈ 36.442
9	≈ 2.172	≈ 2.628	16	≈ 54.232
10	≈ 2.292	≈ 2.965	≈ 22.627	≈ 80.283
11	≈ 2.449	≈ 3.346	32	≈ 118.354
12	≈ 2.587	≈ 3.775	≈ 45.425	≈ 173.869
13	≈ 2.662	≈ 4.260	64	≈ 254.680
14	≈ 2.728	≈ 4.807	≈ 90.509	≈ 372.128
15	≈ 2.805	≈ 5.425	128	≈ 542.574
16	≈ 2.873	≈ 6.121	≈ 181.019	≈ 789.612

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